



MEDWAY

Norfolk County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Medway is a beautiful residential town in the southwestern suburbs of Boston with easy access to Route 495. It is predominantly a single-family home community with a handful of apartments and condos. Henry Gamsey was the first settler in town. Beginning in 1700 with the first modest home built by Henry for his wife Sarah, settlers filtered in and by 1713 residents had petitioned for a new town charter, and the town, to be known as Medway, was incorporated.

By 1800, there had been many saw and grist mills and several textile mills established and Medway continued to grow over the years as an industrial center because of its location along the river. Campbell Brothers ran a paper mill from 1854 to 1890 and the Sanford Mill was in operation in 1885. The establishment of a railroad through Medway did much to attract new mills to town. The charter for the railroad was granted by the state legislature in 1847 and served all the towns in the area, extending as far as Blackstone. The first post office was established in 1803, at which time there were just eight homes, a grist mill, two sawmills and a store. Because of its proximity to Route 495 and other highways, Medway residents are confident the town will continue to grow residentially, industrially and commercially.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Holliston on the north; Millis on the east; Norfolk, Franklin, and Bellingham on the south; and Milford on the west. Medway is 25 miles southwest of Boston; 24 miles southeast of Worcester; 30 miles north of Providence, Rhode Island; and 194 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 11.54 sq. miles

Land Area: 11.45 sq. miles

Population: 9,931

Density: 867 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(West Medway Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.8°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.6"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Holliston

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 533-3200

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1713

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	6,241		
Democrats	1,458	23.4	%
Republicans	820	13.1	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	3,963	63.5	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Medway town, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	12,448	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	12,448	100.0
Male.....	6,032	48.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	105	0.8
Female.....	6,416	51.5	Mexican.....	29	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,067	8.6	Puerto Rican.....	23	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	1,296	9.9	Cuban.....	15	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,119	9.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	38	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	718	5.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	12,343	99.2
20 to 24 years.....	357	2.9	White alone.....	12,052	96.8
25 to 34 years.....	1,445	11.6	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,707	21.7	Total population.....	12,448	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,820	14.6	In households.....	12,334	99.1
55 to 59 years.....	501	4.0	Householder.....	4,182	33.6
60 to 64 years.....	341	2.7	Spouse.....	2,921	23.5
65 to 74 years.....	696	5.1	Child.....	4,617	37.1
75 to 84 years.....	358	2.9	Own child under 18 years.....	3,848	30.9
85 years and over.....	143	1.1	Other relatives.....	396	2.7
Median age (years).....	36.0	(X)	Under 18 years.....	94	0.8
18 years and over.....	8,483	68.1	Nonrelatives.....	278	2.2
Male.....	4,026	32.3	Unmarried partner.....	130	1.0
Female.....	4,457	35.8	In group quarters.....	114	0.9
21 years and over.....	8,231	66.1	Institutionalized population.....	112	0.9
62 years and over.....	1,334	10.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	2	-
65 years and over.....	1,137	9.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	445	3.6	Total households.....	4,182	100.0
Female.....	692	5.6	Family households (families).....	3,336	79.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,912	45.7
One race.....	12,364	99.3	Married-couple family.....	2,921	69.8
White.....	12,139	97.5	With own children under 18 years.....	1,696	40.6
Black or African American.....	71	0.6	Female householder, no husband present.....	312	7.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	12	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	175	4.2
Asian.....	120	1.0	Nonfamily households.....	846	20.2
Asian Indian.....	45	0.4	Householder living alone.....	720	17.2
Chinese.....	30	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	297	7.1
Filipino.....	10	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,973	47.2
Japanese.....	5	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	773	18.5
Korean.....	13	0.1	Average household size.....	2.95	(X)
Vietnamese.....	8	0.1	Average family size.....	3.36	(X)
Other Asian ¹	9	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	4,248	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,182	98.4
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	2	-	Vacant housing units.....	66	1.6
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	5	0.1
Some other race.....	20	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.1	(X)
Two or more races.....	84	0.7	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.1	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	4,182	100.0
White.....	12,214	98.1	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,519	84.1
Black or African American.....	88	0.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	663	15.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	41	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.14	(X)
Asian.....	150	1.2	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.96	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	7	0.1			
Some other race.....	35	0.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	102
Conventional Federal:	100

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	8
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Medway is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Interstate Route 495, the outer belt around Boston, passes along the western border of Medway. State Routes 109 and 126 also serve the town.

Rail

Commuter rail service to Back Bay Station and South Station is available in neighboring Franklin. Travel time from Forge Park to BBS: 49-61 min.; 722 MBTA parking spaces.

Bus

Medway is not affiliated with a regional transit authority. Brush Hill Transportation provides rush hour service to Boston from West Medway M-F.

Other

The Norfolk Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 2,700' asphalt runway with a copter approach.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Medway Country Manor Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Mary-land Rest Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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